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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Medicament A medicament for treating addiction craving,

characterized in that the medicament consists of a combination of two administration forms, one

of the administration forms continuously releasing at least one modulator of nicotinic receptors

and the other administration form, which can be administered independently from the first-

mentioned administration form, enabling a rapid entry of galanthamine or one of its

pharmacologically acceptable salts into the central nervous system, wherein the administration

form enabling a quick entry of galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of

galanthamine into the central nervous system is selected from the group consisting of: buccal

solutions, spray solutions and drip solutions.

2. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 1.

characterized in that the modulator of nicotinic receptors in the administration form continuously

releasing the modulator is selected from the group consisting of galanthamine, the

pharmacologically acceptable salts of galanthamine, nicotine and the pharmacologically

acceptable salts of nicotine, with galanthamine being preferred.

3. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 1,

characterized in that the administration form continuously releasing the modulator or the

modulators of nicotinic receptors is selected from the group consisting of transdermal therapeutic

systems, subcutaneous implants and intramuscularly injectable preparations.

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4. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 3,

characterized in that the intramuscularly injectable preparation is a suspension of microcapsules

containing the modulator or the modulators of nicotinic receptors.

5. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 3,

characterized in that the administration form continuously releasing the modulator or modulators

of nicotinic receptors releases between 10 mg and 25 mg of galanthamine or a pharmacologically

acceptable salt of galanthamine, or between 5 mg and 50 mg of nicotine or a pharmacologically

acceptable salt of nicotine, per day.

6. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 1,

characterized in that the administration form enabling a quick entry of galanthamine or a

pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine into the central nervous system contains

galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine in an amount of from 1 to 5

mg.

7. (Cancelled)

(Currently amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 7 claim 1,

characterized in that the administration form for solutions which enables a rapid entry of

galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine into the central nervous

system is in the form of a flexible plastic container with a capacity of between 1 and 5 ml.

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9. (Currently Amended) Medicament The medicament according to claim 8,

characterized in that the plastic container is provided with nozzles through which the solution

can be is capable of being sprayed or dripped into the nose.

10. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method A method for treating substance craving

by modulation of neuronal nicotinic receptors, characterized in that it is a two-stage method

wherein a permanent treatment with a pharmaceutical administration form which continuously

delivers a modulator of nicotinic receptors is supplemented upon the appearance of a strong

craving for a substance by administering galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt

thereof by means of an administration form which enables rapid entry of galanthamine or of a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof into the central nervous system, wherein the

administration form enabling rapid entry of galanthamine or of a pharmacologically acceptable

salt of galanthamine into the central nervous system is selected from the group consisting of:

buccal solutions, spray solutions and drip solutions.

(Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 10.

characterized in that the substance craving is a craving for alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco

products.

12. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 10,

characterized in that the modulator of nicotinic receptors in the administration form releasing the

modulator continuously is selected from the group consisting of galanthamine, the

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pharmacologically acceptable salts of galanthamine, nicotine and the pharmacologically acceptable salts of nicotine, with galanthamine being preferred.

13. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 10, characterized in that the administration form releasing the modulator or the modulators of nicotinic receptors continuously is selected from the group consisting of transdermal therapeutic systems, subcutaneous implants and intramuscularly injectable preparations.

14. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 13, characterized in that the subcutaneously injectable preparation is a suspension of microcapsules containing the modulator or modulators of nicotinic receptors for intramuscular injection.

15. (Withdrawn — Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 13, characterized in that the administration form continuously releasing the modulator or modulators of nicotinic receptors releases between 10 mg and 25 mg of galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine, or between 5 mg and 50 mg of nicotine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of nicotine, per day.

16. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 10, characterized in that the administration form enabling a quick entry of galanthamine or of a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine into the central nervous system contains

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galanthamine or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine in an amount of from 1 to 5 mg.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim [[17]] 10

characterized in that the administration form for-solutions which enables a rapid entry of

galanthamine or of a pharmacologically acceptable salt of galanthamine into the central nervous

system is in the form of a flexible plastic container with a capacity of between 1 and 5 ml.

19. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) Method The method according to claim 18

characterized in that the plastic container is provided with nozzles through which the solution

ean be is capable of being sprayed or dripped into the nose.

20. (New) The medicament according to claim 1, wherein the two administration forms

are administered independently.

21. (New) The medicament according to claim 2, wherein the modulator of nicotinic

receptors in the administration form continuously releasing the modulator is galanthamine.

22. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the modulator of nicotinic

receptors in the administration form continuously releasing the modulator is galanthamine